



St Matthew's Episcopal Church

2022 Annual Parish Meeting

January 23, 2022

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Annual Parish Meeting Agenda

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1. Introduction
 - a. Welcome – Becky Olbon and Mother Pat+
 - b. Call to Order
 - c. Opening Prayer
2. Annual Meeting Business Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. Appointment of meeting secretary
 - b. Adoption of the Agenda
 - c. Approval of 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes
 - d. Election of Vestry Candidates: Carolyn Coil, Sharon Hansen, Jay Jones, Clay Olbon
3. Treasurer's Report – Chuck Marsh
4. Financial Presentation – Mark DiGiovanni
5. Interim Rector Report – Mother Pat+
 - a. Commission Nominating Committee
 - b. Recognition of outgoing vestry: Becky Olbon, Elliot Griffiths, Debbie Stallings, Kim Williamson
6. Senior Warden Report – Becky Olbon
7. Junior Warden Report – Jack Denton
8. Question & Answer time
9. Announcement of New Vestry Members
10. Closing Prayer – Mother Pat



Vestry Candidate 2022

Carolyn Coil

My parents met at a Diocese of Washington youth event in the 1930s. They were always involved in the Episcopal Church and so you could say I have been an Episcopalian since the day I was born!

I have been a member of Episcopal churches in Maryland, Washington DC, Connecticut, West Virginia, & Florida and have been a member of St. Matthew's since 1992.

One of my main areas of interest is youth ministry. I was on the design team that developed New Beginnings for Youth in the Diocese of Central Florida and began it (along with Fr. Doug) in the Diocese of Atlanta in 1994.

I travel quite a bit and hope this will not be a detriment to serving on the vestry. I am involved in both a Bible study group and an EFM group in the Diocese of Hawaii and we always meet on Zoom. I am hoping that if I am out of town for a vestry meeting, we could set up something with technology so that I could participate.

My goals for St. Matthew's are:

1. To increase attendance and participation at St. Matt's both for worship and at other events
2. To continue and enhance our love for one another reflecting our slogan "It's the people"
3. To call a new rector as soon as is feasible
4. To find out where individuals and families are who used to attend St. Matt's but whom we haven't seen for awhile



Vestry Candidate 2022

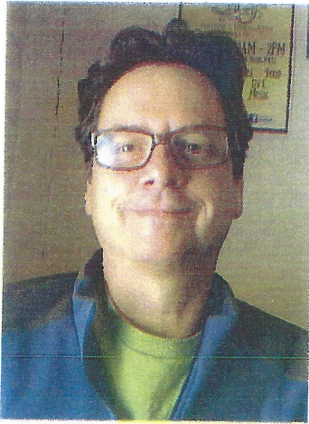
Sharon Hansen

I was born in New Orleans in 1959 while my father was in seminary. He returned to Georgia and pastored small Southern Baptist churches throughout the state as well as Port St. Lucie, Florida. I was a highly active member of First Baptist Church of Lawrenceville prior to coming to St. Matthews; and over the course of my membership there I found myself no longer in step with the

denomination. When I remarried and moved to Snellville in 1999, I began searching for a new church home and denomination. I was initially interested in the Episcopal church because of their stance on welcoming ALL people. I joined an adult confirmation class and was confirmed in June of 2003. THIS was a church I could lean into- and I did. My daughter was an active member of youth group and I taught Sunday school for a time and have been a lay reader. I was suddenly widowed in September of 2013 and my St. Matt's family showed up and stood by me. Becky Olbon was the first person I called after my family, and she came to the emergency room and stayed with me until my family arrived. As I grieved people showed up with food and prayer shawls, cards, and calls. That is what family does. I retired a little early in June of 2021 from Northside Gwinnett Medical Center/Glancy Rehabilitation Center and am now able to be more active in our church life.

Goals:

I love that St. Matthews welcomes and loves everyone and I would like to see that continue. Covid has ripped a big hole in everyone's life, and it has certainly significantly affected St. Matthews. I want to seek ways we can pull together and help our beloved church community get over the Covid hump and minister to each other and our community. We have so much talent in our congregation and the love we have for each other is real. I would like to see us tap the talent and share the love. I am unsure of how St. Matthews will look in the future, but I want to be a part of making our congregation viable for the future.



Vestry Candidate 2022

Jay Jones

Brothers and sisters, my name is Jay Jones. I have been asked to run for Vestry this year and provide a brief bio.

My family has attended St. Matthew's Episcopal Church since 2013. Many of you know Amy, who performs with the choir with voice, violin, viola, and trumpet. Our daughter Katie was a part of the youth group growing up here, and she is currently a freshman at Berry College in Rome. Our other daughter Ellie is in the eighth grade in Rockdale County. She is in the youth group and serves as an acolyte. We live in Rockdale County, a stone's throw from the Walton County line.

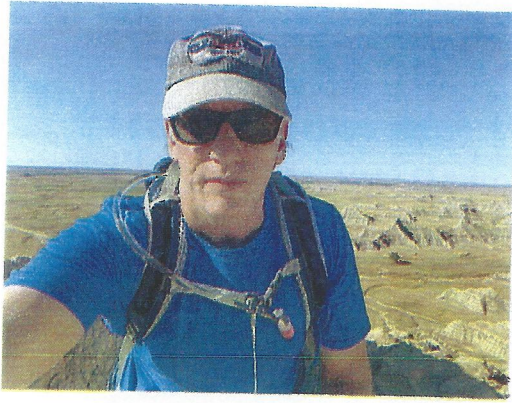
My service at St. Matthew's includes two years as the vestry secretary and two years leading the acolyte ministry following Lynne Kiker. I am currently an Audio/Visual team member who helps live stream the Sunday services online.

I work for the Georgia Department of Agriculture as a writer and editor. I write stories for the GDA's Market Bulletin publication. Before that, I was a journalist with 25 years of experience in newspapers. I also have experience as a paralegal and business and technical manual writing.

I have a few hobbies. I enjoy reading, gardening, and repairing the 2004 VW Beetle convertible Katie uses for college. I've been told I quote lyrics from R.E.M. songs and lines from Monty Python movies too much. You can find me on Facebook (jay.jones2); Instagram (@driver8), and Twitter (@driver8)

My service goals are to continue the church's ministry to our community. If elected, I will serve by following our Savior Jesus Christ's example of service through love.

Another point is a question: Why do we come to church? We need guidance in navigating the world through worship, prayer, and fellowship. I believe we must also prepare our young people to understand God's love and develop their sense of right and wrong from what we teach them in church. St. Matthew's has been a great benefit to my family and me. If elected, I look to continue that mission on the Vestry.



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Clay Olbon

Clay is a technology consultant with Accenture, helping companies with large-scale digital transformations for the past 15 years. He and his wife Becky have been married 30 years and have two adult (well, semi...) children Tara (27) and Nate (22).

Clay is a cradle Episcopalian and has been active at St. Matthew's since joining the parish in 2003. He has been a delegate to the Diocesan council twice. He has served on the global mission committee. He is very active in Christian education, serving on the committee, has facilitated the adult bible study class for many years, as well as the adult confirmation class one year. He is frequently found volunteering for various activities around the parish such as the car show, work days, and whatever else the Senior Warden assigns to him.

Clay's Vision for St. Matthew's

I believe we need to retain (and regain!) our existing parishioners, while growing and attracting newcomers through building offerings around our strengths of Fellowship, Christian Education, Youth, and Outreach.

St. Matthews Episcopal Church - Revenues & Expenses

REVENUES

	2017 ACTUAL	2018 ACTUAL	2019 ACTUAL	2020 ACTUAL	2021 BUDGETED	2022 BUDGETED
Operating Revenue						
Contributions						
Pledge/General Fund	\$510,089	\$500,096	\$459,720	\$425,821	\$370,000	\$242,050
Estimated Non-pledge giving						\$127,550
Loose Plate Offerings	\$7,166	\$6,700	\$6,559	\$909	\$0	\$3,000
Total Contributions	\$517,255	\$506,796	\$466,279	\$426,730	\$370,000	\$372,600
Other Operating Revenue						
Other Operating Revenue	\$2,001	\$925	\$1,835	\$106	\$38,710	
Total Other Operating Revenue	\$2,001	\$925	\$1,835	\$106	\$38,710	
Other Revenue						
Preschool						\$5,000
Investment Income	\$0	\$21	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Other Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Revenue	\$519,256	\$507,742	\$468,114	\$426,836	\$408,710	\$377,600

EXPENSES

Outside Disbursements						
Diocesan Assessment	\$53,350	\$53,631	\$53,118	\$53,953	\$53,767	\$43,942
Outreach	\$14,340	\$6,925	\$1,470	-\$200	\$3,000	\$5,000
Rector Discretionary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Global Mission	\$2,819	\$1,016	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$0
Total Outside Disbursements	\$70,509	\$61,572	\$54,588	\$53,753	\$57,017	\$48,942
Salaries and Benefits						
Rector						
Rector Salary	\$43,906	\$57,812	\$57,812	\$49,512	\$4,126	\$96,000
Rector Housing	\$43,906	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$38,300	\$3,192	\$0
Rector SECA	\$6,879	\$6,879	\$6,879	\$6,879	\$573	\$0
Rector Pension Plan	\$16,710	\$16,710	\$16,710	\$17,823	\$1,424	\$0
Rector Life Insurance	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$328	\$28	\$0
Rector Health Insurance	\$7,930	\$3,096	\$4,439	\$4,915	\$417	\$0
Rector Disability Insurance	\$527	\$527	\$512	\$347	\$43	\$0
Rector Travel	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$90	\$1,000	\$1,000
Rector Continuing Education	\$0	\$349	\$205	\$195	\$1,000	\$500
Total Rector	\$121,688	\$117,703	\$118,887	\$118,389	\$11,803	\$97,500
Associate Rector						
Associate Rector Salary	\$0	\$0	\$8,200	\$30,400	\$12,667	\$0
Associate Rector Housing	\$0	\$0	\$4,800	\$21,600	\$9,000	\$0
Associate Rector SECA	\$0	\$0	\$982	\$3,928	\$1,635	\$0
Associate Rector Pension Plan	\$0	\$0	\$2,519	\$10,076	\$4,200	\$0
Associate Rector Life Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$28	\$330	\$138	\$0
Associate Rector Health Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$8,061	\$26,376	\$10,935	\$0
Associate Rector Disability Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$83	\$307	\$135	\$0
Associate Rector Moving Expense	\$0	\$0	\$1,730	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Associate Rector	\$0	\$0	\$26,403	\$93,017	\$38,710	\$0
Youth Minister						
Youth Minister Salary	\$51,500	\$46,172	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Youth Minister Lay Pension	\$4,797	\$4,304	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Youth Minister Life Insurance	\$330	\$275	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Youth Minister Health Insurance	\$14,178	\$7,877	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Youth Minister Disability Insurance	\$460	\$383	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dependent Health Insurance	\$1,800	\$1,650	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Youth Minister	\$73,065	\$60,661	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Music Director						
Music Director Salary	\$21,566	\$25,624	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$21,600
Music Director Pension		\$1,594	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$2,249	\$1,953
Total Music Director	\$21,566	\$27,218	\$29,250	\$29,250	\$29,249	\$23,553
Support Staff						
Parish Administrator Salary	\$37,455	\$37,455	\$37,455	\$37,455	\$37,455	\$15,600
Parish Administrator Lay Pension	\$3,371	\$3,371	\$3,371	\$3,371	\$3,371	\$0
Parish Administrator Life Insurance	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$0
Parish Administrator Health Insurance	\$11,516	\$11,027	\$12,001	\$12,731	\$12,672	\$0
Parish Administrator Disability Ins	\$419	\$419	\$409	\$298	\$299	\$0
Administrative Asst/Registrar (part-time)	\$7,137	\$7,137	\$7,137	\$7,137	\$7,137	\$8,112
Contract Cleaning	\$3,499	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,800
Staff Continuing Ed.	\$2,662	\$817	\$1,765	\$375	\$0	\$500
Supply Clergy	\$1,763	\$2,175	\$2,026	\$0	\$1,000	\$3,000
Total Support Staff	\$63,727	\$62,731	\$64,494	\$61,697	\$62,264	\$37,012
Payroll Tax						
Social Security	\$7,726	\$7,407	\$5,084	\$6,429	\$6,439	\$2,809
Medicare	\$1,807	\$1,733	\$1,189	\$1,504	\$1,505	\$658
Total Payroll Tax	\$9,533	\$9,140	\$6,273	\$7,933	\$7,944	\$3,467

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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Salaries and Benefits	\$289,579	\$277,453	\$245,307	\$310,286	\$149,970	\$161,532
Office Expense						
Audit	\$5,675	\$5,900	\$6,045	\$0	\$4,500	\$3,200
Bank Charges	\$1,316	\$1,230	\$1,099	\$824	\$1,000	\$0
Copier	\$8,343	\$9,967	\$10,645	\$4,274	\$7,500	\$6,000
Office Expense	\$1,307	\$2,330	\$4,176	\$626	\$2,000	\$2,000
Office Supplies	\$2,358	\$3,143	\$3,371	\$2,394	\$2,500	\$2,500
Postage	\$418	\$1,176	\$975	\$838	\$1,000	\$1,200
Dues/Subscriptions	\$257	\$397	\$262	\$61	\$250	\$250
Technology	\$14,744	\$9,064	\$8,953	\$10,126	\$9,500	\$10,000
Electronic Collection Fees	\$1,519	\$1,513	\$1,304	\$2,179	\$2,000	\$2,400
Total Office Expense	\$35,937	\$34,720	\$36,830	\$21,322	\$30,250	\$27,550
Buildings and Grounds						
Utilities						
Electricity-Parish Hall/Office	\$10,614	\$11,668	\$12,012	\$8,778	\$10,000	\$12,000
Electricity-Sanctuary/Education Bldg.	\$15,747	\$17,482	\$18,379	\$15,270	\$16,000	\$18,000
Natural Gas	\$2,221	\$2,434	\$2,621	\$2,459	\$2,300	\$3,000
Pest Control	\$1,808	\$1,978	\$2,013	\$1,569	\$1,700	\$2,000
Sanitation	\$5,600	\$3,395	\$2,822	\$2,236	\$2,500	\$2,500
Telephone	\$1,617	\$1,799	\$2,245	\$2,012	\$2,300	\$2,400
Water	\$1,664	\$966	\$2,202	\$1,817	\$1,900	\$2,200
Total Utilities	\$39,271	\$39,722	\$42,294	\$34,141	\$36,700	\$42,100
Property Expense						
Property Maintenance Contracts	\$16,630	\$25,834	\$27,467	\$15,471	\$22,000	\$26,000
Housekeeping Supplies	\$3,134	\$2,488	\$1,860	\$3,008	\$2,500	\$2,000
Repairs/Maintenance/Improvements	\$16,947	\$19,736	\$20,189	\$9,920	\$15,000	\$20,000
Diocesan Loan	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,208
Sewer Assessment	\$2,335	\$2,334	\$2,502	\$2,502	\$2,500	\$2,500
Total Property Expense	\$39,046	\$50,392	\$52,018	\$30,901	\$52,000	\$60,708
Total Buildings and Grounds	\$78,317	\$90,114	\$94,312	\$65,042	\$88,700	\$102,808
Insurance						
Parish General Insurance	\$11,822	\$9,961	\$12,461	\$13,482	\$14,270	\$14,500
Pre-School Insurance	\$0	\$2,469	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Workers Comp	\$3,738	\$2,089	\$2,920	\$3,040	\$3,000	\$3,000
Total Insurance	\$15,560	\$14,519	\$15,381	\$16,522	\$17,270	\$17,500
Congregational Life						
Altar Supplies	\$2,388	\$2,058	\$1,444	\$434	\$700	\$1,400
Acolytes	\$288	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200
Audio and Visual Technology						\$500
Flower Guild	\$608	\$230	\$227	\$0	\$100	\$200
Christian Education	\$3,393	\$1,371	\$4,268	\$878	\$2,000	\$2,300
Communications	\$27	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Fellowship	\$4,174	\$3,823	\$918	\$436	\$750	\$1,000
Seminararian/Postulant	\$0	\$3,000	\$1,400	\$1,000	\$0	\$400
Music	\$6,455	\$2,712	\$2,219	\$1,161	\$1,000	\$3,000
Newcomers	\$793	\$1,145	\$630	\$0	\$250	\$1,000
Stewardship	\$1,909	\$306	\$350	\$0	\$250	\$500
Youth	\$4,725	\$4,205	\$5,235	\$0	\$4,500	\$3,000
Inreach	\$268	\$24	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$1,000
Worship						\$1,000
Miscellaneous	\$89	\$88	\$1,611	\$42	\$600	\$768
Total Congregational Life	\$25,028	\$18,874	\$16,691	\$3,909	\$10,650	\$17,268
Travel/Continuing Education Expenses						
Assistant Priest Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Assistant Priest Continuing Education	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$459	\$0	\$0
Rector Expense Reimbursement	\$0	\$475	\$397	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Youth Minister Travel	\$1,000	\$917	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Travel Expenses	\$1,000	\$1,392	\$397	\$459	\$0	\$1,000
Rector Search	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
Total Operating Expenses	\$515,930	\$498,644	\$463,506	\$471,293	\$373,857	\$376,600
Surplus/Deficit	\$3,326	\$9,098	\$4,608	-\$44,457	\$34,853	\$1,000

Senior Warden Report

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We did it! We not only survived but we thrived during the last year. I know many of you are thinking, are you crazy? We lost 90% of our staff, we had to take out a loan from the diocese, we said final farewell to parishioners and we still have parishioners not attending in person services, and for those who are attending they are still wearing masks.

Let's go back to February 2021 at our last annual meeting and the message was that we were struggling financially and if we didn't make some changes we were going to be in trouble. Mother Liz had announced her retirement in January, we had begun to use the money we had set aside for the Father Tommy, we had an HVAC system that was on its last breath, we need to buy AV equipment and we were still worshipping at home online.

So, what has changed since last year? The diocese approved our loan, the HVAC system in the Sanctuary was replaced, new audio equipment was purchased, we began the waterproofing in the undercroft, we began to have more in-person services, Chuck Marsh was able to get us another PPU loan, we held our first multi-generation VBS, we hired a new Music director, a contract cleaner and another part time office assistant and welcomed Mother Pat to join us as our Interim rector.

As you read the financial and ministry reports, I challenge you to focus on all the positive things we have been able to achieve in the past year. As you read this report, I hope you noticed the word "we" was underlined because this past year would not have been possible if it was not for our whole parish.

It has been an honor to serve as your Senior Warden for the past two years and I hope that you will find a way to become more involved in 2022.

With Grace and Peace,

Becky

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Annual Report for 2021

Ministry: Acolytes

Chair: Crystal Furman

Contact Information: crystal.furman@gmail.com

Number of Active Participants: 13 acolytes; 5 pals

YTD Budget Balance: Unsure. I didn't know I had a budget.

What is the purpose of this Ministry? Provide support to service.

What are your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year? We are actually able to provide service most Sundays at 10:45 service and many 8am services

What have been your biggest challenges? We need more acolytes, especially for the 8am service; fewer kids are attending; many acolytes stopped serving due to covid

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2022? Acolyte training; recognition party perhaps

What technologies are you currently using? None

Is a leadership succession plan needed for this Ministry?

As we pray for your Ministry throughout the year, is there something specific for which you would like us to pray? More people are called to this ministry

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry?

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Ministry: Altar Guild

Chair: Joan C. Kengla

Contact Information: 404 - 931- 5569

jk2ridge@comcast.net

Number of Active Participants: 14

YTD Budget Balance: N/A

What is the purpose of this Ministry: The Altar Guild is the priest's partner in making the worship life of the parish run smoothly.

What is your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year: Assisting our priest's with worship during this COVID

lock down.
What are our biggest challenges: Trying to build membership within the Altar Guild

Ministry

What technologies are you using: Email

Is a Leadership succession plan needed for you Ministry: Yes

I have and continue to have the honor of serving with these ladies for many years. I'm most grateful for their dedication to this ministry. They are: Diane Croft-Doane, Mutty Dixon, Vicki Conway, Mary Vore, Susan Savage, Faye Lovell, Wilheimina Wilson, Deborah Stallings, Jan Nabors, Nancy New, Judith Kimsey, Cheryl Wheeler and Ava Champion.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Annual Report for 2021

Ministry: Eucharistic Bread Guild

Chair: Sylvia Campbell

Contact Information: Sylvia Campbell, soupab@comcast.net, 770 972-3130

Number of Active Participants: 11

YTD Budget Balance: \$0.00. All members bear the cost of the ingredients when it is their turn to provide the Bread for the services.

What is the purpose of this Ministry? To provide hand-made Communion Bread for all services.

What are your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year? We worked with Mother Liz+ to develop a simple way to provide individual "coin-size" Communion Bread that provided a way to follow Covid-19 guidelines and still provide Communion Bread for all services, drive-by and inside the church.

What have been your biggest challenges? Covid-19 and waiting on directives from the Bishop on whether we would a) have Eucharist, b) use wafers, or c) use the real Bread and in what form. This Ministry has been put on hold until further notice from the Bishop.

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2022? Follow the directives of the Bishop about using wafers until further notice and eventually reinstating the Eucharistic Bread Guild Ministry at St. Matthews.

What technologies are you currently using? E-mail

Is a leadership succession plan needed for this Ministry? Yes, and the member of the Guild is in place.

As we pray for your Ministry throughout the year, is there something specific for which you would like us to pray? That Covid-19 restrictions become a thing of the past and the Eucharistic Bread Guild can once again make the Bread for all services.

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry? Making the Bread is a holy, prayerful experience for all of the members. After all, we are making the Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. It is a pleasure to work with all of the members of this Ministry and Joan Kengla, Chair of the Altar Guild.

Ministry: **Breakfast Between Services/Fellowship**

Chair: Warren Drury

Contact Information: Trisha Voiles

Number of Active Participants: 15-25 each week to participate, 4-5 participants to assist in purchasing, setting up, taking down

YTD Budget Balance: \$654

What is the purpose of this Ministry? The purpose is to provide fellowship and coffee/tea/water/juice & prepackaged breakfast items for parishioners between the end of the 8am service/beginning of the 9:30 Sunday School/beginning of the 10:45 Service.

What are your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year? Our most significant accomplishment was being able to meet inside with safe distancing as the temperatures cooled off outside.

What have been your biggest challenges? The biggest challenge was having to close down when illnesses increased.

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2022? We would like to continue the breakfast ministry in 2022.

What technologies are you currently using? The only technology we are currently using would be Realm to remind people of changes.

Is a leadership succession plan needed for this Ministry? It would be nice to have a succession plan so no one gets burned out of continuing to organize for years.

As we pray for your Ministry throughout the year, is there something specific for which you would like us to pray? Prayers for finding helpers each week would be wonderful.

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry? In 2022, we hope to reach out to other volunteers to set up each Sunday.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

2020 Annual Report

From the Brotherhood Order of Worship:

“The discipline of prayer is to pray daily for the spread of Christ’s kingdom, especially among men and youth, and for God’s blessings upon the labors of the Brotherhood.”

“The discipline of study is to study the Holy Scriptures regularly and the teachings of the Church, to attain a better understanding of how to follow Christ and bring others to His kingdom.”

“The discipline of service is to make continuous efforts, week by week, to bring others nearer to Christ through His Church.”

The St. Matthew’s chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew met during January and February of 2020, but curtailed further meetings due to COVID 19 restrictions. We were able to fellowship in small groups to work on church projects and to work on the pavilion.

Among its activities In 2020, St. Matthew’s Brotherhood of St. Andrew:

- prepared and served the Annual Meeting with our legendary fish fry.
- provided 70 bales of pine straw for the beautification of the church grounds.
- completed construction of the pavilion, installing ceiling lights, ceiling fans, electrical outlets and painting the structure.
- supported the Christmas Nativity Drive-thru Program and the Christmas Eve bonfire service.
- installed shade canopies for Preschool playground.
- provided financial support to Crystal Pratt’s ministry in Italy.



In 2021 we look forward to supporting St. Matthews in ways new as well as old. Also from the Order of Worship: “What we have now done we offer to you, O Lord, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

Prayerfully submitted, Gregory Andrews

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Ministry: Building and Grounds

Chair: Steve Charron

Contact Information: cell or text 678-787-6635, scharron@comcast.net

Number of Active Participants: 3

YTD Budget Balance: \$

What is the purpose of this Ministry? maintain church property

What are your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year? undercroft waterproofing

What have been your biggest challenges? coordination of subcontractors

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2022? video booth/ sanctuary

What technologies are you currently using? zoom

Is a leadership succession plan needed for this Ministry? no

As we pray for your Ministry throughout the year, is there something specific for which you would like us to pray? continue to have funds as needed for repairs

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry?

Annual Report

Cafe Theology

Victoria Conway
Cheryl Johnson

7- 15 participants

no budget

Purpose of Cafe Theology is to meet and discuss books of a spiritual and religious nature that will bring us closer to God and enhance our personal spiritual growth. Also to share our thoughts and feelings about our reading as the readings effect our understanding of God and our lives as Christian brothers and sisters.

Accomplishments: We have successfully continued the wonderful study and sharing group started by Mother Liz.

Challenges: To encourage curious, spiritually inspired people to join our group.

Plans for 2022: Continue meeting every other Saturday morning throughout the coming year.

No Technologies

Leadership is shared within the group each week. Cheryl and Vicki are only contact people

Pray that through our readings we may grow closer to God. In that closer walk that we become kinder, more caring active members of St. Matts.

Annual Report:

Centering Prayer

Victoria Conway
Cheryl Johnson

Active members: 13

No budget

Purpose is to practice and grow in Christian Meditation and study related materials

Accomplishments: weekly meetings of prayer and study

Not many challenges

No events other than meeting Tuesday evenings regularly throughout the year and possible meeting in person on Sundays between services in the new year.

Technologies: zoom

Pray for those who need to learn about Christian Meditation will feel led to come to join us.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Annual Report for 2021

Ministry: Christian Education

Chair: Mona Livermont (sunny's kids/youth ages), Ashley Taylor (Adult Education), Juanita Little (Director, Pre-school)

Contact Information:

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Ashley Taylor- 404-375-9796 email: lilenrgzrbunny@gmail.com

Juanita Little- (holds office at church) 770-978-1323

email: stmatthewspreschoolsnellville@gmail.com website: www.stmatthewspreschool.org

Number of Active Participants: Around 18 adults between multiple classes offered, 12 school aged youth.

YTD Budget Balance: \$1267.00

What is the purpose of this Ministry?

The purpose of this ministry is to grow in knowledge and faith with fellow parishioners regardless of Age or Interests. We offer a multitude of classes.

What are your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year?

We transitioned from remote/virtual classes to in-person classes this year in the wake of the pandemic. That combined with Fr. Tommy moving on made for a transition in which we didn't really know what to expect.

What have been your biggest challenges?

I'd say our biggest challenge has been not having as much involvement/participation with the Sunny's Kids age group of classes. We have absorbed them into the Youth ages Sunday school class. We are still prepared and hopeful they will start returning though.

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2022?

We plan on continuing with in person Sunday School for all age groups through the remainder of the school year. During the summer, we will begin to plan for the 2022-2023 school year. Vacation Bible School will be held in the summer and planning will begin this following Spring.

What technologies are you currently using?

We don't currently utilize a lot of technology outside of basic planning utilization for lessons.

Is a leadership succession plan needed for this Ministry?

2022 will be the 2nd year of a 3 year term for our chairs so a succession plan is not currently needed.

As we pray for your Ministry throughout the year, is there something specific for which you would like us to pray?

We ask prayers for continuing to learn what GOD has set forth for us in this ministry. Each individual participant and teacher alike is there for many various reasons. Each unique to that person. We hope that more will continue to find the fellowship and knowledge they seek in their faith.

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry?

The St Matthews Preschool is still thriving throughout the pandemic. They finished the 2020-21 school year with quarantining only one class in December 2020. The preschool worked with the Georgia Department of Health as directed in their protocols. Staff members did a stupendous job following the cleaning protocols which contributed to the well-being of the children, our preschool families and staff. They began the preschool year with 46 students in 4 classes and ended with 68 children in 4 classes. They had one class of each age with 2-3 teachers in each to accommodate the increased number of children in the classes. They returned to the usual class sizes and staff ratios for 2021-22. Recently, they completed their annual silent auction.

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Ministry: ECW 2021

Budget 0.00, Balance?

Chair: Rebecca Bowen and Nancy Drury

Members of active ministry: Dee Dee Craver, Becky Olbon, and approximately 20 other members that participate.

What is the purpose of this Ministry? To allow the women of our parish to come together in fellowship and to build friendships and community. Grow spiritually and work together for the benefit of church. Our biggest accomplishment for 2021 was during a lull in Covid, we had a chance to hold our Halloween Bingo. We had 20 ladies attend the Bingo. We all had a good time, playing multiple rounds of Bingo and enjoying a lunch of sandwiches. We would like to thank all who baked or supplied baked goods for the car show. It was a huge success and we sold the left over baked goods after Church on Sunday.

Our biggest challenges this year has been restrictions on socializing during Covid and too many changes in leadership within the Clergy.

ECW would like to get back to our roots and continue on with some of our annual events such as Salad Social and game night. We have planned for the 2022 annual Chili Cookoff for January 30th, but may need postpone this due to the rising cases of Covid. Mother Pat has suggested either March 20th or March 27th which both dates are open on the calendar. It is during Lent, but Lenten disciplines are not required on Sundays in Lent. We would like to continue with our Annual Halloween Bingo and Christmas Party. Instead of exchanging

ornaments or gifts at the Christmas Party, we were going to ask each member to bring 5 cans of food for the Co-Op.

ECW needs to advertise more on Bulletin Boards, Weekly Bulletins and Friday Blast. We need to spread the word that all Female church members regardless of age are considered members of ECW and are welcome to attend and participate in all of our events.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Drury and Rebecca Bowen

We are looking forward to being together again in 2022 when it is safe for us to be together.

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Ministry: Fellowship

Chair: Warren and Nancy Drury

Contact Information: 404-388-9373

Number of Active Participants: Committee 10. Forth of July 88, Game Night 8, Ice Cream Meet and Greet 35, Thanksgiving Luncheon 88.

YTD Budget Balance: 2071.99

What is the purpose of this Ministry? To provide events where the parish can gather, build new community relationships, fellowship and strengthen ties within our parish community.

What are your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year? This year, Fellowship planned and executed events that brought St. Matthews from no on campus socialization to providing Covid acceptable events under the direction of the Vestry. For the Fourth of July, we had a Fried chicken dinner including potato salad, chips, bottled water, bottled ice tea and brownies. This was our first in person gathering and it was great to see so many of our returning members. We fed 64 people at this event. In June we had Wednesday evening outdoor game night. We found out we aren't very coordinated, but we did have a good time. In August, Mother Pat arrived, and we had a meet and greet Mother Pat Ice cream social with prepackaged Ice cream bars. We discovered that the freezer wasn't operating properly and provided rather soft serve treats. In September, we provided a juice and cookie moment after the St. Matthews day service. Fellowship sponsored the Bake sale booth at the Car show in October. Our Annual Thanksgiving luncheon went off without a hitch thanks to the help of Bruce Bowen and Oscar DeLeon. We served over 88 meals of Turkey, ham, 35 lbs. of Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dressing, Cranberry Sauce and a Brownie. The meals were preboxed to abide by the Covid requirements active at the time of the event. In addition, Fellowship restarted Restaurant Foyers in September with the first meal at the Flying Machine at Brisco Field and October and November at Fratelli's Italian Restaurant.

What have been your biggest challenges? Following the ever-changing Covid restrictions. Fellowship is largely built around food and the restrictions with masking, social distancing, etc. have made it very difficult to plan and execute our events.

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2022? Forth of July Picnic Luncheon, Thanksgiving Luncheon, Wassail and Cookies after Lessons and Carols, and a parish wide display of Nativity sets.

What technologies are you currently using? Pinterest

Is a leadership succession plan needed for this Ministry? No

As we pray for your Ministry throughout the year, is there something specific for which you would like us to pray? More participation by our church family. Additional younger members on the committee.

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Ministry: Flower Guild

Chair: Janis Williams

Contact Information: 770-367-4930 Jhw16@comcast.net

Number of Active Participants: 6

YTD Budget Balance: \$1036.55

What is the purpose of this Ministry? The purpose of our Flower Guild is to add the beauty of nature to our sanctuary and to grow in the love of Christ through this ministry.

What are your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year? During Covid times, we have stretched our dollars and creativity. Mother Pat suggested boxes underneath the flowers to elevate them for better visibility. One of our very talented woodworking parishioners built boxes for us that we are now using.

What have been your biggest challenges? We have lost some members over time, but we have gained 2 more, and 2 others are in discernment. Training is free and ongoing, and we would love more men and women to join us.

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2022? We hope to have another Spring Plant Sale.

What technologies are you currently using? Texting, Email, Facebook, Pinterest, Instagram for ideas and recommendations of classes online.

Is a leadership succession plan needed for this Ministry? Not yet

As we pray for your Ministry throughout the year, is there something specific for which you would like us to pray? Please pray for new members

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry?

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Ministry: *Finance Committee*

Chair: *Mark DiGiovanni*

Contact Information: Mark cell – *678 227-8142*

Number of Active Participants: *7*

YTD Budget Balance: *n/a*

What is the purpose of this Ministry? *Assist the vestry in budget preparation and consult and advise the vestry throughout the year on financial matters to assure the financial stability of St. Matthew's.*

What are your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year? *Ending the year in a stronger financial position than we began, despite the pandemic.*

What have been your biggest challenges? *Accurately estimating income during the pandemic and adjusting spending as needed.*

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2022? *None at present.*

What technologies are you currently using? *Basic spreadsheets and Realm.*

Is a leadership succession plan needed for this Ministry? *The chair doesn't plan on leaving, though God may have other plans.*

As we pray for your Ministry throughout the year, is there something specific for which you would like us to pray? *Please pray that all our parishioners will understand their role in keeping St. Matthew's financially stable.*

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry?

The finance committee is perhaps the least visible ministry in the church. But believe me, you would notice our absence.

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Ministry: GLOBAL MISSION REPORT TO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FEBRUARY 2022

Chair: Omolara Fyle-Thorpe.

Purpose of this Ministry:

Anglican Rosaries for Atlanta Airport Chaplain: This project was set aside for a second year in 2021. Our point of contact is Rev. Donna Mote. However, due to COVID – 19 this project remains on hold.

Villa International: Is an ecumenical outreach program to medical students from other countries studying at Emory University and the Centers for Disease Control. Villa International is located on Clifton Road in Atlanta. No progress has been made since 2019, when Global Mission made initial contact with the director in hopes for future collaboration and to welcome the students to our door-step. Again, due to COVID-19 this has been placed on hold. We hope to reach out later 2022.

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD): When in-person services resume, parishioners will be encouraged to donate to ERD after all the major disasters this year as well as to participate in the Gifts for Life program. Cicely Simon is St. Matthew's ERD Parish Representative.

United Thank Offering (UTO): UTO is a church wide offering begun in 1889 by the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions (now known as the Episcopal Church Women-ECW). Through donating monetary offerings, placed in the Blue Box and coupled with prayers of thanksgiving, parishioners will be encouraged to pass their own blessings on to others throughout the world. Parish in-gatherings are traditionally held twice a year, however due to COVID – 19 this program also experienced a minor setback. When we are able to resume, monies collected will be sent to the United Thank Offering administrative office and grants are made annually by the UTO Board. St. Matthew's UTO Coordinator is Sylvia Langley George.

Mission Beyond Our Parish: Omolara Fyle-Thorpe was appointed by Mother Liz to the Diocesan Global Mission Commission and attends meetings regularly. Unfortunately, this past year, 2021 we were unable to coordinate or meet with our extended parish.

The Global Mission Committee: Early 2020, the Global Mission Committee sponsored its Annual Global Breakfast on World Mission Sunday which is celebrated on the last Sunday of Epiphany. Church members contributed dishes representative of their culture. It was a truly delightful feast! Unfortunately, we were unable to gather in 2021.

The biggest challenges have been the state of the nation's health conditions centered around COVID-19.

This report is submitted with thanksgiving for Global Mission at St. Matthews.

Annual Report

Loaves and fishes - Inreach

Victoria Conway: vgconway@comcast.net

Delivered approximately 80 meals to parishioners from April to date.

No budget

Purpose is to serve our community with meals to help during times of illness, hospitalization or just general serious family emergency needs.

Biggest challenge is getting folks signed up to make, order or deliver meals

No programs

Technologies involve: internet, phone, and Realm address lists.

No succession plan

Pray that this ministry is not needed in our parish this coming year.

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Ministry: Knit, Crochet Pray,

Chair: Beth DiGiovanni

Contact Information: 678 227 8131

Number of Active Participants: Approximately 19

YTD Budget Balance:

What is the purpose of this Ministry? We knit or crochet prayer shawls; chemo caps; hats, scarves, gloves/mittens for Rosebud Reservation, scarves, hats for the local homeless; birthday placemats for Del Mar Gardens' Nursing Home; lap robes for the police or whomever; baby blankets for the S. E. Co-Op; items for the car show charities. WE hope to give comfort and support to those in need.

What are your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year? We met on Zoom and in person starting in June and still made/had donations and sent the items listed below in 2021.

Prayer Shawls given-89

Chemo caps-72

Rosebud Reservation-

- 63 hat, scarf, gloves/mitten sets
- 32 hat, scarf sets
- 13 hats
- 5 scarves
- 10 pairs of gloves
- 1 pair of socks
- 4 headbands
- Clean, but gently used
 - 10 hat, scarf, glove sets
 - 5 scarves
 - 5 pairs of gloves
 - 4 headbands

What have been your biggest challenges? Meeting safely

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2022?

Continued

- Prayer Shawls, Scarves, Pocket Squares

- Chemo Caps for Winship Cancer Institute
- Hats, scarves, gloves/mittens for Rosebud Reservation on Rosebud Episcopal Mission West
- Hats and scarves for the local homeless in the winter
- Baby blankets for the S.E. Co-Op
- Birthday place mats for Del Mar Gardens' Nursing Home
- Items to help raise money for car show charities (if we have a car show)

What technologies are you currently using? Email, Texts, Zoom

Is a leadership succession plan needed for this Ministry? No

As we pray for your Ministry throughout the year, is there something specific for which you would like us to pray? Help us to keep going so we can keep supporting those in need.

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry? We love helping others, and we love the fellowship of our meetings. We appreciate Mother Pat's blessing items on the altar to help others know about our ministry in case they need our support and/or in case they want to participate in our ministry through becoming a member or donating.

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Ministry: Long Range Planning

Chair: Katherine Reynolds

Contact Information: Katherine Reynolds Cell: 404-931-8563. Email: kfreynolds7@gmail.com

Number of Active Participants: 4

YTD Budget Balance: \$0

What is the purpose of this Ministry?

Long Range Planning's mission is to provide a strategic map to lead St. Matthews into the future, based on data and input from Clergy, Vestry, Committee Heads and parishioners.

What is (are) your Ministry's most significant accomplishment(s) this year?

- Gathered input from parish leaders and developed list of priorities from which vestry will select for next year's focus.

What have been your biggest challenges?

- Determining committee's true purpose. In recent previous years, the tendency had been to work at a very detailed level (project work) instead of developing high level goals or direction for Vestry approval.

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2022?

1. Provide recommendations for safe storage of all church records.
2. Provide recommendations for facility maintenance, upkeep and possible additions for use during next 12 – 18 months.
3. Provide recommendations for facility renovations and upgrades for the long term (3 – 5 years)

What technologies are you currently using? Zoom for meetings, MS Word for minutes/notes, MS PowerPoint for slides to share w/ Vestry.

Is a leadership succession plan needed for this Ministry? Yes. Time for a new leader.

As we pray for your Ministry throughout the year, is there something specific for which you would like us to pray? LRP needs an influx of additional committee members. The successful committee members are those who excel at thinking beyond the "weeds". (All of current members admit to being more detail-oriented than is warranted for this group.)

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry?

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Annual Report for 2021

Ministry: Music

Chair: Matthew Edwards

Contact Information: music@stmatthewssnellville.org, (205) 887-2055 (text/call)

Number of Active Participants: chancel choir – 12+, handbells – see Sharon Ferrell

YTD Budget Balance: \$455.81

What is the purpose of this Ministry?

To support and uplift the congregation's and worshippers' prayer and praise through music, enhance the music education of participants, and explore and expand the church's musical identity.

What are your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year?

Rebuilding the chancel choir and handbell choir returning from the covid hiatus and preparing an Advent Service of Lessons and Carols.

What have been your biggest challenges?

The winter covid surge cancelling Lessons and Carols, leading to no choir for Christmas, and reducing our numbers temporarily going into the new year. Rebuilding our vocal technique and recrafting anthems as needed to fit our voices best.

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2022?

Advent Lessons and Carols. Looking ahead to 2023, planning to collaborate with at least one other area church choir for a spring program. Might plan a fall program as well.

What technologies are you currently using?

Personal website to post practice recordings to help choir learn their parts for special programs and link to YouTube and Spotify playlists.

Is a leadership succession plan needed for this Ministry?

No

As we pray for your Ministry throughout the year, is there something specific for which you would like us to pray?

Good health in the midst of covid.

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry?

Nothing at this time.

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Ministry: Newcomers/Greeters

Chair: Diane Eberhart-Samantha Renfro

Contact Information: Diane or Sam via email

Number of Active Participants:18

YTD Budget Balance: ?

What is the purpose of this Ministry?

Greet people new to our church who are just visiting or looking for a new church home. Then follow up with them to help them get acquainted with our parish and hopefully join and become an active member.

What are your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year?

This year just to keep the ministry going has been a challenge. But we have a system in place to follow up with visitors by sending them a handwritten note after their first visit which is followed by a call from rector.

What have been your biggest challenges?

To have enough active members who can greet each Sunday.

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2022?

To continue with our current plan.

What technologies are you currently using? Email

Is a leadership succession plan needed for this Ministry? Yes

As we pray for your Ministry throughout the year, is there something specific for which you would like us to pray?

Pray that we can keep the excellent members that we have now who are willing to watch for new people and engage them on Sundays.

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry?

We are always open for new people to join us as greeters. It is the easiest way to start to volunteer at church. As we say "All you need is a smile!"

Nominating Committee

Report

Committee members

Bernie Waller -Chair

Oscar De Leon

Nancy Griner

Steve Charon

Heather Pratt

Mark Franke

Crystal Furman- Secretary

Bruce Bowen

Mara DiGiovanni

Father Bill Deneke- Diocese Consultant

Susan Jung

John Byron

Joan Kengla- Vestry Liaison

The above members have volunteered their time and efforts to help St Matthews fill the vacant Priest position.

We will be guided by the Diocese consultant Father Bill Deneke to present 2-3 candidates to the vestry.

The first task of this Nominating Committee is to gather data from the parish and prepare a Parish Profile. This is where we will need your input. In the coming weeks you will be asked to fill out a survey on a web site called Holy Cow. The due date for completion of this survey will be announced.

Once the rough draft of the profile is complete, it will be sent to both the Bishop and the vestry for approval.

The vestry then turns its full attention back to the business of the parish and allows the Nominating Committee to do its work.

Respectfully submitted

Bernie Waller

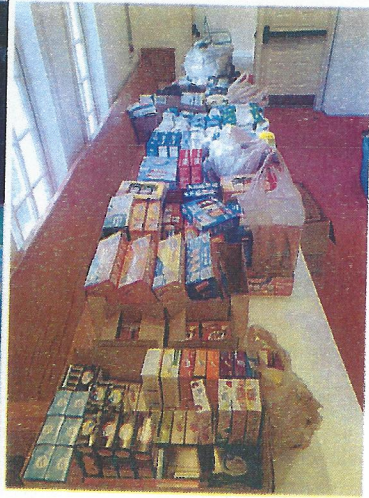
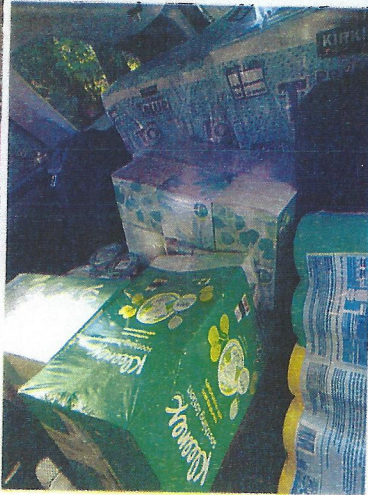
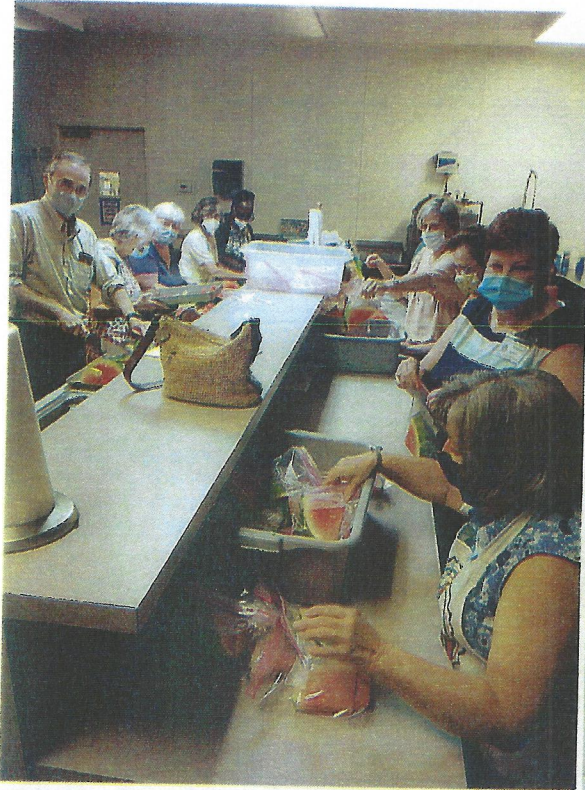
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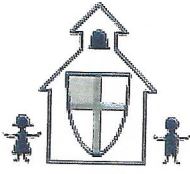
Outreach 2021 Annual Report

Submitted by Jennifer Papadatos

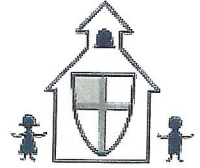
2021 saw an increase in community programs as organizations found ways to continue their services in light of the ongoing pandemic. St. Matthew's Outreach committee and parish volunteers volunteered their time and donated requested items to support the Southeast Gwinnett Co-Op, Family Promise, Mending the Gap, Church of the Common Ground, and more. Some programs in 2021 included:

- January - Southeast Gwinnett Co-Op Food Drive
- February - Church of the Common Ground Drive. Cash donations provided items needed for the Common Soles Foot Care Clinic, which was re-started in 2021 after being put on hold in 2020.
 - Donated items included 330 packets of hot cocoa, 176lbs of sugar, 520 packs of crackers, 168 boxes of water drink mix, 280 pairs of socks
- March - Hunger Walk/Run (Virtual) raised \$540 for Atlanta Community Food Bank and Southeast Gwinnett Co-Op. Hosted Monday Night Dinner for co-op clients, BBQ sandwiches with baked beans, chips, cole slaw and oatmeal creme pies.
- April - FODAC Walk and Roll. Collected 245 items for Mending the Gap Spring Cleaning Household Supply Drive.
- May - International Firefighters Day, Police Week and International Nurses Day - Sent over 300 candies with notes of encouragement, Hershey Hug Cards, to the Snellville Police Department, fire station, and pediatric hospital support staff.
- June - Family Promise Night Without a Bed Fundraiser - Raised \$761.75
- July - School supply drive with the Gwinnett South Precinct police station. 19 backpacks and over 400 supplies were collected.
- August - Hosted Monday Night Dinner for co-op clients. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, watermelon, and dessert. Collected 260 household items for Mending the Gap.
- September
- October - \$20,000 raised for Family Promise through the Car Show!
- November - Hosted Monday Night Dinner for co-op clients. Beef stew, salad, rolls and honey buns. Collected gift cards for the co-op Christmas program. Donated \$500 in gift cards to Mending the Gap for their Christmas program.
- December - Matthew's Crate - Donated 40 boxes containing non-perishable items for Christmas dinner and a \$25 Kroger gift card for local families in temporary housing situations. Distributed through the Gwinnett South Precinct at their holiday event for kids and families on 12/17.





PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ANNUAL REPORT 2021



Chair: Juanita Little
Director
770-978-1323

Enrollment: 89 students
Spots filled: 90
Spots available: 0

YTD Budget Balance: \$108K

Ministry Purpose: Educating our communities' children

Ministry Accomplishments:

- 2020-21 SY – survive the school year with only one class quarantine. Phew!
- Fall 2021-22 – We did not have to quarantine any classes and we did not have a Covid outbreak at the preschool. Parents have been pretty conscientious about keeping sick ones at home.
- Returned to employing a full staff (18 in total) compared to the previous year (13 in total)
- 2021-22 SY – Began the school year at almost full enrollment (with 8 classes) compared to the beginning of the previous school year at half capacity (4 classes).
- Resumed Ballet and Karate classes again after not being able to last school year due to our Covid guidelines.
- All other programs: Music, Technology and Chapel have resumed as usual while following Covid guidelines.
- Resumed holding Summer Camp (June/July 2021)
- Safely held in-house field trips: Magic show, Firefighters and Police Officer with his K9 Officer.
- Creatively resuming Fall semester events:
 - Thanksgiving Feast: These musical experiences were held one class at a time that allowed parents to enter the church to see their child perform and then join in the movement activities
 - Christmas Festivities: These festivities replaced the Christmas program so we could invite parents to an event; again, one class at a time. Students performed, then joined their parents to make an ornament, decorate cookies and utilize set up photo backdrops.
- 2020-21 SY Graduations were held outside in the gardens. It was such a beautiful space on the church grounds to use and provided space between families that we plan to do so again for the 2021-22 SY.
- 2020-21 SY Spring events were held outside in order to allow the families to participate in them on the church grounds. Both events: Donuts with Dads and Ice Cream Sundaes with Mom were held in the pavilion.
- Purchased a new stationery 5 seater riding ring for the playground.

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Ministry: **8th Reading Camp:** June 14 – 18 2021 Cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Co-Director: Marsha Elixson

Co-Director: Gini Peterson

Although we had to cancel the 2021 Reading Camp, we had detail plans in place prior to April 2021.

The committee developed plans and protocol, following CDC guidelines for allowing Summer Reading Camp 2021 to proceed. The committee voted to host Reading Camp half days.

It became obvious that the 2021 camp could not be held due to Gwinnett Public School System's planned summer school schedule, it conflicted with our week for Reading Camp. Further, parents found it inconvenient to enroll their children in the half day program.

Continuing to follow guidelines of the CDC, the committee will plan to offer **Reading Camp in June 2022.**

READING ROCKS!

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Ministry: Stewardship

Chair: Terri Hurst

Contact Information: hurst10@bellsouth.net

Number of Active Participants: 4

YTD Budget Balance:

What is the purpose of this Ministry? To encourage parishioners to prayerfully and joyfully contribute to St. Matthew's their spiritual gifts, time, talent and treasure.

What are your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year?

What have been your biggest challenges? Reduced attendance in person has resulted in decreased engagement. The challenge is to shift the general perception of Stewardship as being "just about money."

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2022? Stewardship campaign, hopefully some events to increase awareness of and engagement with the various ministry opportunities within St. Matt's.

What technologies are you currently using? Email, OnRealm

Is a leadership succession plan needed for this Ministry? Yes

As we pray for your Ministry throughout the year, is there something specific for which you would like us to pray? Please pray that people will view Stewardship as a spiritual exercise, and be encouraged to generously share the gifts God has given them.

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry? Stewardship is not about balancing the parish budget. Rather, it's using the gifts that God has given us, to do the work to which God has called us. We give out of gratitude for all the blessings we receive.

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Ministry: Worship Committee

Chair: Mother Pat.....**Co-chair:** Warren Drury

Contact Information:

Number of Active Participants: 7-8

YTD Budget Balance: There was no budget allotted worship in 2021, so all expenses incurred were under altar guild or music. This coming year we have a line item in the budget of \$500.

What is the purpose of this Ministry? To plan the services and help facilitate the worship experience for the parishioners

What are your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year? Planning our services several months out.

What have been your biggest challenges? Getting back on track for our seasonal planning and working with current covid guidelines as we move forward with our in-person and live-stream worship services.

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2022? Epiphany is completed. January meeting will be planning Ash Wednesday activities as well as making good inroads on Lent and possibly a broad outlook on Holy Week and Easter. As we adjust to changing covid guidelines we are continuing to plan worship opportunities for all the seasons to come, i.e. Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, the feast of St. Matthew, and Advent.

What technologies are you currently using? Obliquely AV. We would like to see a closer working relationship with our AV team in order to produce "jam up" broadcasts.

Is a leadership succession plan needed for this Ministry? Succession is planned for when the new rector is called. All the seasonal planning notes will be available for the new rector and as we work ahead, the first season for the new clergy will already be planned and they can simply make any changes they wish to the work of the committee.

As we pray for your Ministry throughout the year, is there something specific for which you would like us to pray? Guidance, collaboration, wisdom, openness, health, patience

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry? Our committee interfaces with the altar guild, the flower guild, music, lectors, vergers, and acolytes to ensure that all aspects of worship ministry are included in our planning. The spirit of co-operation, creativity, and their knowledge of our congregation and their needs and traditions is invaluable in the planning and executing each season's worship plans. Their selfless dedication and work allows St. Matthews to offer a beautiful worship experience where each parishioner has the opportunity to meet personally with our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Respectfully Prepared by Debbie Stallings, Worship Vestry Liaison

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Ministry: Youth

Chair: Holly Bond

Contact Information: Holly Bond- 404-328-8444 Email: hojo3579@comcast.net

Number of Active Participants: around 15-20

YTD Budget Balance: \$3673.00

What is the purpose of this Ministry?

This ministry serves as a focal point for the Youth (grades 6-12) of the church to regularly meet in fellowship and grow together as they transition into young adults.

What are your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year? This year we transitioned the regular youth meeting into Sunday School classes while still meeting more sporadically in the Sunday afternoons after church.

What have been your biggest challenges?

Our biggest challenge has been maintaining regularity in the youth program in the absence of Fr. Tommy.

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2022?

We did not have the annual retreat in 2021 due to the pandemic. It would be nice to see a return to that in the summer of 2022

What technologies are you currently using?

Is a leadership succession plan needed for this Ministry? Not at the current moment

As we pray for your Ministry throughout the year, is there something specific for which you would like us to pray?

That the incoming priest has youth minded ambition in a similar way Fr. Tommy did. We would like to see a regular return to Youth events.

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry?